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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed please find a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement in connection with the above-referenced matter to be filed with your office.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated January 8, 2003, (Paper No. 6), Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Claims 1-5, 9-12, 20 and 26-28 drawn to an organ or biological tissue preservation aqueous machine perfusion solution. A petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the required fee, is being submitted simultaneously herewith.

REMARKS

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement requiring election between the inventions of:

Group I: Claims 2-5, 9-12, 20 drawn to a first solution comprising prostaglandin, NO donor, glutathione precursor, classified in class 435, subclasses 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2 and others.